We’re officially three quarters of the way through the school year! This term has been highly affirming for us as a community as we continue to reflect on an exemplary Teaching and Learning Audit and now our NAPLAN results that were made available to the school last Friday. Our results in years 3 and 5 are particularly impressive. For us, this is just another measure that affirms the effectiveness of the processes and practices that are in place in our community to support student learning. Individual student reports will be available after the holidays.

We’re hoping to build on our successes this term by finishing in style with a very successful Art Show and Auction. The art show represents the culmination of a term’s work for our students. Across the school students have explored various art forms and we now have the opportunity to showcase their work, celebrate as a community and hopefully support the year seven students with their major fundraising venture for the year. We’re hoping that every child’s art work will be snapped up and find a place to be immortalised in your home or workplace. The event starts at 5.30pm on Thursday evening. Weather permitting we will have a jumping castle, courtesy of Hope City Church. Hot dogs, drinks and coffee will be available and we will be entertained by our junior and senior choir from 6.15pm. A silent auction will run through the evening and at 7.00pm a bidding auction will take place. We have a range of items that have been sourced from a variety of businesses.

Items in the bidding auction include:

- a photo booth that can be used for an event (thank you Jody O’Donohue -teacher)
- a BBQ (thank you Dale Shuttleworth)
- a range of art that has been created by students and parents in our community.

To all who’ve donated thank you. Your generosity is appreciated. A particular thankyou to Bryony and Melissa who’ve worked with a group of students this term to produce art works that will be auctioned on the evening. The students have loved this time.

For those families unable to attend on the evening, GPAC will be open from 8.15-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm on Thursday also.

Thank you also to Tammy Drake and her small group of volunteers for organising the lapathon. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They particularly loved finishing the event with lovely fresh fruit and bottled water. Again to those who donated goods and time.... thank you! A special thank you to Ravi from the Night Owl at Grovely for donating the water. If you drop in, please thank him on behalf of the kids!

Vicki Baker
Principal

Art Show and Auction
Thursday 19 September @ GPAC
8.15-9.30am
2.30-3.30pm
5.15 pm - GPAC open. Jumping castle available.
6.15pm - Junior and senior choir to perform
6.55pm - Malena Ayazian to perform
7.00pm - Bidding Auction
LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT AT GROVELY IN 2014

Grovely State School offers two Instrumental programs: Strings (years 3-7) and a Band Program (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion – years 5-7). Specialist teachers in each area provide a weekly lesson and a weekly ensemble rehearsal. The school provides a small number of instruments for a small hire fee to give students an initial start in the program. As students progress, they are usually expected to buy their own instrument at the end of the first year.

Instruments offered for tuition in 2014 are: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, bass guitar (1 only) and percussion. Strings are: violin, cello and double bass. (Strings offer smaller instruments for the younger grades e.g. 3/4 size violins and 3/4 size cellos).

The recruiting process for 2014 has now commenced. All students in years 2, 3 and 4 are given a music test by the music teacher (a ‘Selmer’ test), and the students are asked to list the instrument/s they might be interested in. Next, the class teachers provide input on the student’s academic ability, homework, and support from home. All students who score well in the Selmer test are tested for physical suitability on instruments in the first week of term 4 if parental permission is received (you will be sent a note). Following this, students are given first round offers and asked to attend an Information Night to find out exactly what is involved (early Nov). By 30 November all paperwork for the 2014 intake is finalized.

All students accepted into the program are expected to attend a Beginner camp at the start of 2014. This is a two day camp that offers a fantastic opportunity to have a quick start on their instruments and is tutored by the instrumental teachers in the Ferry Grove cluster.

At Grovely, our Strings specialist is Ms Terry Giesen, and our Woodwind, Brass and Percussion specialist is Mrs Penny Hall. Should you have any questions about the program or the selection process, please contact the school and a specialist will respond to your query.

Mrs Annie Rossouw
Music Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

***PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO LESSONS AND NO BAND REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER***

BAND PROGRAM FOR 2014

Information has been sent home to parents/guardians about our band program in 2014. Physical testing of instruments will take place on THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER. Our band program is for children who are entering year 5 or above in 2014.

***LESSONS AND BAND REHEARSALS RESUME FOR TERM 4 WITH MRS HALL ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER***

Letters for continuing students will also be sent home during this week about band instruments.

Viva la Musica!
Penny Hall

For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au - Penny teaches at our school on Thursdays. For all string queries please don’t hesitate to contact Terri Giesen at tgies1@eq.edu.au - Terri teaches at our school on Tuesdays

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC-STRINGS TERM 4

Term 4 Strings Orchestra and lessons will continue on in Week 1 Term 4. Ms Giesen will be on leave and there will be a replacement teacher for the time she is away. Please check the new timetable for the change of lesson times. Please also ensure that every student has their books, folder with music, timetable and practice sheet.

All students (including 2013 beginners) in the program are now expected to be in the Orchestra which rehearse at 8am on Tuesday mornings.

The orchestra is sounding fantastic with the beginners who have already joined, participating and making a great sound.

Regards
Ms Giesen

TALENT QUEST - Last Friday night we held our Annual Talent Quest finals at Mitchelton State High School. Our 4 finalists, Malena (sang Scarborough Fair & played piano), Monique (sang Whitehorse by Taylor Swift), Kirsten (did a beautiful Asian contemporary dance), Tayah and Emily’s group the “Potatoes” (danced to Cha Cha Slide) did a fantastic job on the night and really shone through with their talent. Malena was our schools overall winner and received $100 prize money.

Thank you to all their families for supporting them on the night. And to everyone who came and enjoyed the night. A big thank you goes out to Miss Leighton who became a guest judge at the last moment, to Miss Kiri for helping the girls fine tune their dance and Mrs Rossouw for helping with music.

MOVIE FUNDRAISER – We are holding an advanced screening of “The Greatest Turkey Movie of All Time” on Friday 8 November at Stafford City Hoyts. Tickets will be on sale from the school office from the first week of Term 4. Cost of tickets $10.50 Child, $15.00 Adult. Pre-purchase of popcorn and drink is available for $10.00. There will be lucky seat prizes on the night as well. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first in-first-served basis. This night is a Chaplaincy Fundraiser.

RED CROSS

FREE WORKSHOP Resilient Kids Social and Emotional Learning will be held on Tuesday 22 October from 9.15-11.30am in the meeting room in GPC. Come and learn some tips about:
- Helping your child develop their social skills
- Helping your children to understand and cope with their emotions
- Strategies for developing resilience

Morning tea provided, please RSVP by Thursday 17 October to Tracey on 3855 0166 or 0448 352 536.

P&C NEWS

adidas School Fun-Run (lap-a-thon) - Thank you to everyone for their participation. Monies raised will be announced on return to school next term along with the fundraising rewards. Thank you to Rachelle Meyer for organising the lap-a-thon lanyards, Nicole Lewis on the day organising the parents to punch the cards, Mrs Baker and Annette Norman for sneaking in at 6.30am to help cut up the fruit and to Kerry Doorley, Jodie and Chris Frisch for continuing the never ending amount of fruit to be prepared. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support the students.

Thank you to Ravi (Grovely Night Owl) for his continued support of our lap-a-thon for his donation of bottled water for every child on the day!

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser will be held on Saturday 12th October outside the Grovely Night Owl from 10am to 2pm. Please contact the office or myself if you are able to help out on the day.

Tuckshop operates on Thursday and Friday’s this term. Orders must be placed by 9.00am. Volunteers are required.

Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 8.30-9.30am. EFTPOS is available.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - (2 books left) Selling for only $65, the new 2013 | 2014 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment** Book is packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Plus, $13 of your Book purchase goes towards the fundraising rewards – so please tell your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Contact Tammy or leave a message at the school office if you are interested in purchasing a book.

Calendar of Events

12/10 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Grovely Night Owl 10am-2pm
15/10 P&C General Meeting (Staff Room) - 7pm

Please feel free to contact me at any time and email pandcpresident@grovelyss.eq.edu.au

Tammy Drake (President) Mobile 0418 711 021

UNIFORM SHOP SALE

The following items are on sale and below cost until sold out:

- Bootleg Pants $15 (were $38)
- Cargo Pants $15 (were $44)

All sizes available. Once the current stock has sold out we will no longer be selling winter pants. EFTPOS available.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP SALE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
19 Whole School Art Show & Auction (evening)
20 Break up day - End of Term 3

OCT
7 Queens’ Birthday Public Holiday
8 School Resumes for Term 4
12 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser-Grovely Night Owl 10am-2pm
15 P&C Meeting - 7.00pm Staffroom
16 Assembly
21 Pupil Free Day
20 Resilient Kids FREE workshop
30 Assembly

NOV
13 Assembly
19 P&C Meeting
26 Six-way Swim Meet
27 Assembly

DEC
11 Year 7 Graduation
12 Assembly
13 End of Term

CURRICULUM NEWS

Reading
I am talking about Reading again!!! With the holidays starting at the end of this week please encourage your child to visit one of our local libraries and continue their daily reading. Research tells us the more students read the more success they have. Reading more often supports students to develop their fluency and vocabulary. It is important that we understand what motivates our children to read so that we can support them to read more. If they love books that are too hard for them to read independently that is fine!!! It gives us an opportunity to read together and share a good book!!!! So during the holidays Read, Read, Read!!!!

Montessori Quality Assurance Program
We have had an exciting and very busy few weeks as we have had our school audit and hosted Principals at Grovely to share the great work that we do. The feedback we have received has been fantastic and we continue to strive towards being the best we can be! The next part of our journey is moving towards the Montessori Quality Assurance Program that will support us in continually reviewing and improving in our Montessori practices as we strive to ensure quality and best practice. We will keep you informed about this process as we begin to work with MAF.

Have a safe and rejuvenating holiday!!!
Sue McIvor – Head of Curriculum

ICAS RESULTS
Those students who have participated in the ICAS tests this year will receive their results in term 4 when all results have come in. In the past this has been done at assembly and will be put in the newsletter.

Individual Student Naplan Reports
Individual student Naplan reports are expected to arrive in schools at the beginning of next term. We will endeavour to send them out as soon as possible after we receive them.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday.
Leanne Duncan – Deputy Principal

SIX WAY SWIM MEET
The six-way swim meet will be held on Tuesday 26 November at the Grovely State School pool. Mr Green will begin trialling students early in term 4.

P.E. NEWS
Swimming will begin the first Tuesday back in Term 4. All children will receive 1 hour tuition per fortnight. Your child’s teacher will inform you when your child will be swimming. To participate students must wear a bathing cap and sun-shirt. Volunteers/parents helpers are always welcome.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check through the lost property basket as it is full of clothing, lunchboxes and various other items. All unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated to charity at the end of the week.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 7 October
SCHOOL RESUMES - Tuesday 8 October
PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday 21 October

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 7 October
These holidays we are lucky enough to be travelling to Underwater World at Mooloolaba for our excursion – so book in soon, as spaces are filling up quickly! We’re looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces over the holiday period and have organised lots of fun activities for the children. Phone 3855 8889, Email agr@ymca.org.au or check out www.ymcaoshc.com.au

YEAR 7 NEWS
Graduation
To assist with graduation preparation, could you please provide a photo of your child starting Prep/Grade one. It will be scanned and returned to you.

Year 7 T-Shirt orders
If you would like to purchase another Year 7 T-Shirt please pay $35 to the office and include the size you need. We will need a minimum of 5 shirts for the order to go ahead.

COMMUNITY COFFEE BAKING ROSTER

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES are being offered by Picabeen (3354 2555), Jabiru (3862 8152) & Zillmere Community Centre (3865 2880). Activities include Beach Volleyball & BBQ, Putt Putt & Picnic, Bead Making, Sports and lots more.

For details, call the numbers above.

RD MILNS ANTIQUITIES MUSEUM is proud to present, Discovering the Ancient Past – School Holidays at the Museum. Entry to the Museum is free and all age groups are welcome. No bookings required for groups under 10 people. Call 3301 3010 or email antiquitiesmuseum@uq.edu.au for dates and information.

CONFIDENT KIDS is an innovative and interactive program for kids aged 5 – 14 designed to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Program includes parent support and workshop. For more details visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au or phone 3368 1307 or email info@positivefamilies.com.au ** New address from 30 July – 18 Nash St (cnr Elizabeth St) Paddington, 4064 ***

TROUBLE PARENTING YOUR 2-9 YEAR OLD CHILD? Parenting now comes with a brief online instruction manual! Researchers from the University of Queensland are offering FREE access to a brief online parenting program for 200 families as part of a research study. The newly developed program is based on the Triple P- Positive Parenting Program and offers simple solutions to common parenting problems like disobedience and aggression. Check out https://epn psy.uq.edu.au/solutions or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870.

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Year 8 2014 Enrolment Interviews
Mitchelton SHS are finalising enrolments for 2014, so please book an enrolment interview now. You must attend an interview before your child can commence school in 2014.
To make an appointment call 3550 1111, email admin@mitcheltonshs.eq.edu.au or fax 3550 1100.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES
Wildlife Emergencies – 1300 264 625 (1300 animal)
Acts of cruelty or neglect - RSPCA Inspectorate 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188, DPI call centre 3289 3111 or your local police station.
Sick or injured stray animals - RSPCA Animal Ambulance 3426 9971 or 1300 852 188.
24 Hour Call Centre – 3426 9999

SCHOOL WATCH – 131 788